

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
PROCLAMATION

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month
June 2021

WHEREAS, the Town of Chelmsford is a welcoming community and an exceptional place to live, learn, work, play, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Chelmsford recognizes the importance of equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that includes that every person has been created equal, that each has rights to their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chelmsford Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community are a vital part of all fields and professions and contribute to a stronger community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chelmsford is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its citizens and preventing discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Chelmsford is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our Town; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes that LGBTQ teens are at higher risk to be the victims of violence and have increased suicide rates; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in the community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Select Board and on behalf of the Town of Chelmsford, hereby proclaim and recognize June 2021 as **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month** in the Town of Chelmsford and urge citizens to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ community and to actively promote the principles of equality and liberty.

Signed this 24th day of May 2021.

Patricia E. Dzuris, Town Clerk

Select Board